other museums of the world alongwith a photograph of the Rumal.

Aircraft in place of Kanishka

165. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1533 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th November, 1983 and to state whether Air India has purchased new aircraft as replacement for 'Kanishka which crashed in June, 1985, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Government have approved the proprosal of Air India to purchase a Boeing 747—200 aircraft from M/s. Singapore Airlines, as replacement aircraft for "Emperor Kanishka" at an estimated cost of US $53.130 million.

Mobile Telephone in Bombay and Delhi

166. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephones Nigam Ltd., is proposing to introduce mobile telephone facility to its subscribers at Bombay and Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) when the scheme would become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A mobile telephone service was introduced in Delhi on 31-12-85 and 77 subscribers are already working Improved version of Cellular mobile radio system is proposed to be introduced in Bombay in 1987-88 with an initial capacity of 1200 lines. It will be augmented to 5,000 lines later.

Use of battery powered locomotives by Railways

167. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways propose to use battery powered locomotives on narrow gauge section of the railways; and

(b) if so, what would be the likely improvement in efficiency and costs per km.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) It is proposed to carry out trials on one Section with three battery powered locomotives.

(b) Saving in operation cost per ton km. is estimated to be about 20 per cent *vis-a-vis* steam locomotives

Non-Implementation of New Education Policy by the States

168. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of State Governments have not constituted Cabinet sub-Committee for the purpose of co-ordination and monitoring of the progress regarding the New Education Policy;

(b) if so, what steps Governments propose to take in this regard; and

(c) the progress made by the States in 1986-87 regarding implementation of the New Education Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Excepting three all other States have constituted Cabinet sub-Committees.

(b) The three States have been requested to expedite the setting up of the Committees.